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**INTERVIEW REQUEST FORM**

Applicant: S. HEN et al.  
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0077.0019**Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form**Application No.: 10/654,743First Named Application: S. HEN et al.Examiner: Kacy VerdiArt Unit: 2194Status of Application: After First Office Action**Tentative Participants:**(1) David W. Victor(2) William D. Thompson

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Proposed Date of Interview: August 22, 2007Proposed Time: 2:00 PM (EST)**Type of Interview Requested:**(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video ConferenceExhibit to be shown or demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide a brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

**Issues to be Discussed**

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) Sec. 102	<u>1</u>	<u>Ogawa</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Sec. 103	<u>3</u>	<u>Ogawa and Corbet</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached**Brief Description of Argument to be Presented:**

With respect to claim 1, want to discuss cited cols. 9-10 of Ogawa that discuss how kernel threads are executed to process an I/O request from a user process, and discuss why this citation does not disclose the requirement that a kernel module execute a kernel thread to call device driver function in a kernel context, where the device driver functions are those device driver functions capable of being called by system calls in the user context. Instead, the cited cols. 9-10 discuss kernel threads that may be invoked to process an I/O request from a user process. There is no disclosure of the claim requirement that the kernel threads of Ogawa may invoke the same device driver functions that system calls from the user mode or user processes may invoke. Instead, in the cited Ogawa, the kernel threads are invoked when the user process issues an I/O request.

With respect to claim 3, want to discuss cited section 11.1.2 that mentions that the kernel mode may run a help program in the user context and the cited sec. 14.3.2.2 mentions that with the char and block drivers, each network device declares the functions that act on it. Nowhere do the cited sections of Corbet teach or suggest that the kernel thread access device information from the device.

May also want to discuss claims 5 and 14.

/David Victor/

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